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Green-backed NDP 'anxious' to take power in June; Clark to test confidence

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

The stage is set for the NDP, with the backing of the Green Party, to form British Columbia's next government in June.

Following news that John Horgan and Andrew Weaver's parties have struck a four-year deal, Premier Christy Clark told media she would reconvene the legislature as soon as possible for a vote of confidence on her incumbent Liberal government.

"We have a duty to meet the house. I intend to do that in very short order, certainly before the end — maybe closer to the beginning — of the month of June," Clark said. "Should the government fail the test of confidence in the house, as seems more than likely, I would be given the job of leader of the opposition. I am more than ready and willing to take that job on."

> **We have a duty to meet the house. I intend to do that.**
> Christy Clark

Horgan, the apparent premier-in-waiting, said he's ready for his new job as well.

"We're anxious to get going. We're anxious to start that transition," Horgan said. "The Greens and NDP have a majority of support in the legislature. (Clark) wants to test that, that's her right. I'm hopeful that Ms. Clark does follow through with that precedent and that she'll do it in a timely manner."

If the Liberals are defeated in a vote of confidence, the NDP must ask the lieutenant governor for the chance to govern.

The NDP and Greens on Tuesday released a 10-page document outlining the terms of their partnership to form a minority government.

That accord, signed by MLAs of both parties, promises a referendum on electoral reform in 2018, a ban on union and corporate donations in politics, the elimination of MSP premiums, a $5 per tonne per year increase to the carbon tax, immediate review of the Site C dam by the B.C. Utilities Commission, government opposition to the Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain pipeline expansion, a path toward $15 minimum wage and new climate and poverty plans.

The Greens hold the balance of power in the legislature with their three seats, compared to the Liberals' 43 and NDP's 41.

Christy Clark in Vancouver on Tuesday.
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5 THINGS B.C. WILL SEE UNDER AN NDP-GREEN GOVERNMENT

Big policy changes are on the horizon in British Columbia if the NDP, with the support of the BC Green Party, forms government next month as expected. The two parties released the details of their four-year agreement on Tuesday, outlining the key priorities of the new minority government following May 9's historic election. Here's a look at five major items the parties have agreed to work on together. **MATT KIELTYKA** METRO

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1 Electoral reform

Both the NDP and the Green Parties championed a move to a proportional representation electoral system during their campaigns this year, but differed on how it should be implemented.
Ultimately, the NDP's insistence on a public vote before making any changes to B.C. elections won out.

According to the accord, "a referendum on proportional representation will take place in the fall of 2018, concurrent with the next municipal election."

The agreement also sets out a ban on union and corporate political donations, moving fixed election dates to the fall and tougher lobbying laws.

"We're going to make sure we do as exhaustive a consultation as possible (on a potential system) between now and referendum day and the two of us, at a minimum, are gong to campaign in favour of that," said NDP leader John Horgan, alongside Green leader Andrew Weaver. "That will be the exciting part, laying out putting in place an electoral system that will be ratified by the public to demonstrate that we can vote with your conscience, you can vote for who you want and still get people to work together."

Weaver added it was critical to formulate a "very clear" referendum question.

2 Transportation

The future of the George Massey tunnel replacement bridge is now in doubt with the NDP ready to form government.

While its agreement with the Greens promises only to "act immediately to improve transit and transportation infrastructure in co-operation with the Mayors' Council and federal government", Horgan painted the proposed 10-lane bridge as an unwanted one.

"A 10-lane bridge is only supported by the incumbent government, not by the Mayors' Council, not by the two of us standing here, it is unlikely the solution to (congestions)," he said. "We'll look at all the options that the mayors want to put forward."

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Horgan said the NDP still plans to eliminate tolls on the Golden Ears and Port Mann bridges, which was an election promise, but doesn't have Weaver's support on that so it's unknown how that will play out. The agreement says government will work with the region to develop a long-term funding formula for transit and Horgan said road pricing was discussed in negotiations with the Greens, but nothing specific has been promised.

The future of ride-sharing services, like Uber, in B.C. is also up in the air. Horgan said he'll try to work across party lines to find a way of allowing ride-sharing in B.C. while protecting the existing taxi industry.

3 Site C

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The NDP will not stop construction of the Site C dam (yet) but will send it to immediate review by the B.C. Utilities Commission under its agreement with the Greens.

Weaver has been a vocal opponent of the megaproject, but said the review proposed by Horgan is a good first step. "We came in there very strong on Site C, as you might imagine," Weaver said of negotiations with the NDP. "We pressured (the NDP) on what they meant on sending it to the BCUC. To us, it wasn't enough just to say that they would. We pressured on the question that would be asked and we got a response that, frankly, I think is the right response that we're looking for."

Horgan said the BCUC will be tasked to find out why the project was approved under the Liberals, how much it will cost going forward, what impact it will have on Hydro rates and what other alternatives are available.

4 Poverty reduction

The NDP-Green agreement proposed a slate of policies designed to make life more affordable for British Columbians and to tackle poverty.

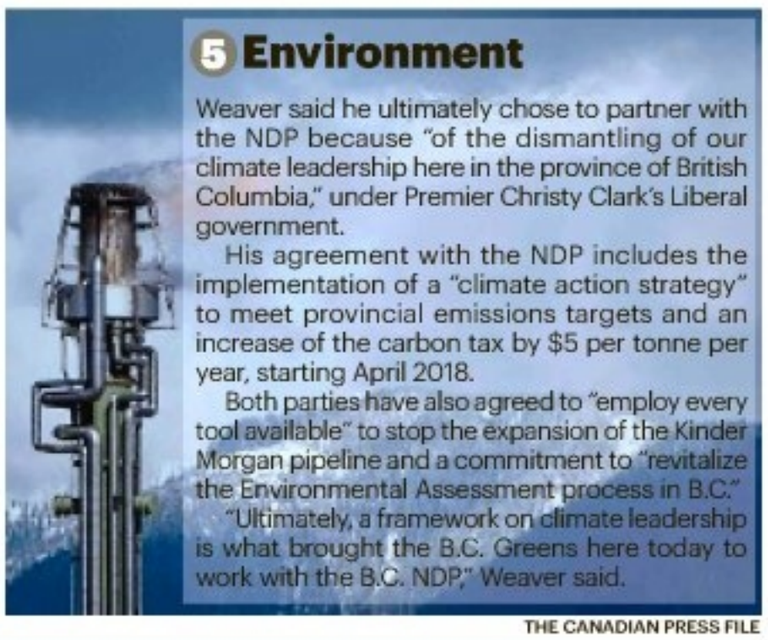
Those proposals include the province's first ever poverty reduction plan (B.C. is the only province that doesn't have one), a path toward a $15 minimum wage, the elimination of MSP premiums and increasing the supply of affordable housing.

The agreement also talks about investing in child care, but doesn't specific how.

During the campaign, the NDP was proposing $10 a day childcare while the Green Party promised free child care for children under three and more money for early childcare education.

The agreement also includes a commitment to try out a potential basic income pilot project.

5 Environment



Weaver said he ultimately chose to partner with the NDP because "of the dismantling of our climate leadership here in the province of British Columbia," under Premier Christy Clark's Liberal government.

His agreement with the NDP includes the implementation of a "climate action strategy" to meet provincial emissions targets and an increase of the carbon tax by $5 per tonne per year, starting April 2018.

Both parties have also agreed to "employ every tool available" to stop the expansion of the Kinder Morgan pipeline and a commitment to "revitalize the Environmental Assessment process in B.C."

"Ultimately, a framework on climate leadership is what brought the B.C. Greens here today to work with the B.C. NDP," Weaver said.

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Vancouver DIGEST

MOUNT PLEASANT
Bike crash lands two cyclists in hospital
A 62-year-old cyclist is in critical condition after colliding with another cyclist at a red light in Mount Pleasant on Monday. They were not wearing helmets, according to police.

A BC Ambulance supervisor happened to be nearby and provided first aid before they were taken to hospital. WANYEE LI/METRO

ZEBALLOS
Village recognized for best tap water in B.C.
A village on the northwest coast of Vancouver Island has snagged the title of best tap water in B.C.

Zeballos took top honours at the B.C. Water and Waste Association's annual taste test. Samples were evaluated on appearance, aroma, taste, mouth feel, aftertaste and overall impression. THE CANADIAN PRESS

KELOWNA
Wind threatens to whip up high waters
Officials with the City of Kelowna say gusty winds are the latest threat that could add to flooding woes in the Central Okanagan.

Spokesman Tom Wilson says winds of up to 25 km/h are forecast to continue into Wednesday. Wind can whip up waves or cause a surge into already inundated areas. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Protesters from Tsleil-Waututh Nation paddle toward a Trans Mountain facility in Burnaby to conduct a water blessing ceremony on May 14. DAVID P. BALL/METRO

Trans Mountain back in crosshairs

ENVIRONMENT
NDP/Green pact lays out vow to quash pipe expansion

David P. Ball
Metro | Vancouver

Texas oil giant Kinder Morgan breathed a sigh of relief this winter when Premier Christy Clark gave her final approval to its Trans Mountain expansion — but since election night, the company is back to holding its breath.

It still had a major hurdle to overcome: raise enough money to actually build the $7.4-billion project, which would triple the flow of diluted bitumen oil from Alberta's oilsands across B.C. and increase tanker traffic sevenfold.

But on Tuesday, another obstacle arose: the B.C. NDP forged an agreement with the Green party that put Kinder Morgan squarely in the crosshairs if the lieutenant governor hands power to the opposition parties following a confidence vote expected next month in the legislature.

The pact explicitly lays out what the two parties will do if given power: "Immediately employ every tool available to the new government to stop the expansion of the Kinder Morgan pipeline, the seven-fold increase in tanker traffic on our coast and the transportation of raw bitumen through our province."

Coincidentally, Tuesday was also the day that the firm hoped to raise $1.7 billion to proceed with its final investment decision, paving the way for construction to start. It set the share price at just $17 but never reached its goal. Still, the firm was pleased.

"This is an exciting day for our customers, for communities and for the many individuals who are relying on this project to deliver jobs and economic benefits to their communities," said president Ian Anderson. "This securing of financing for the project demonstrates the need for and interest in the opportunity for Canada to have better access to world markets."

The fine print of the company's Initial Public Offering warned about what seems imminent: a change in B.C.'s government away from the pro-pipeline B.C. Liberals, to whom Kinder Morgan and associated firms donated more than $500,000 since 2005.

"Changes in government, loss of government support, public opposition and the concerns of special-interest groups and non-governmental organizations," the company's share-sell prospectus stated, "may expose the business to higher costs, delays or even project cancellations."

But with so many permits already approved, it's unclear whether a potential NDP minority government could succeed in such a feat.

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Make False Creek 'swimmable': Mayor

WATERFRONT

Councillors hope initiative will help speed up cleanup

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Vancouver's False Creek JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO FILE

Break out the Speedo — Vancouver city councillors hope a motion passed today will get False Creek and other urban waterways "swimmable as soon as possible."

"New York is really where I first got inspired by letting go of the belief that things are just the way they are when it comes to water," said Coun. Andrea Reimer of efforts to clean up the Hudson River.

Another example is an area of the Copenhagen harbour right in the middle of the city that was once polluted, but is now a popular outdoor swimming spot.

"The thing that really strikes me is that we just accept this as a society, that there's a certain level of pollution that exists in waterways around large cities."

Reimer's motion, which council approved on May 30, called for a waterfront initiative to bring together the city, industry, First Nations, non-profits and other levels of government to work together to clean up waterways like Burrard Inlet, False Creek, Trout Lake, Lost Lagoon and the Fraser River.

While Mayor Gregor Robertson spoke of wanting to get False Creek "swimmable," cleaning up the water to the point that First Nations could once again harvest shellfish is another goal of the initiative. For instance, the Tsleil-Waututh have not been able to gather shellfish from areas like Burrard Inlet and Indian Arm — once a primary food source — for decades because of pollution.

"An entire way of life has been wiped out, so we can have a life. It shouldn't have to be that way," Reimer said.

There are many causes of pollution in local waterways: sewage, boat discharge, people littering and industrial pollution.

One project already underway involves separating sewage pipes from water pipes (normally it's fine that one pipe carries both, but when it rains heavily sewage gets discharged into False Creek).

Another is the Park Board's attempt to use rainwater to provide fresh water flow to Trout Lake, a natural lake that no longer has a stream flowing through it as it once did.

Still Creek, which runs through an industrial part of East Vancouver, has been restored to the point that salmon have returned. And city staff recently identified sewage from boats as the main contributor to high E. coli counts (i.e., poop) in False Creek. The city is now testing a mobile pump-out service to try to reduce that pollution.

WILDLIFE

Humans blamed for wolf death

Parks Canada says staff in Pacific Rim National Park Reserve on Vancouver Island have killed a wolf that was becoming increasingly aggressive.

A statement from Parks Canada says the wolf was euthanized on May 28 after being involved in a number of recent incidents, including two attacks on leashed dogs in the Long Beach area, south of Tofino. A notice was issued last November, warning of an increase in wolf activity in the park. Since then, staff had stepped up efforts to monitor and chase the problem wolf away, banned dogs in some areas of the park and increased public education in hopes of stopping the confrontations.

Parks Canada says the wolf continued to view dogs as prey, in part because of human carelessness or the violation of park rules that undermined its natural wary behaviours.

Staff will now try to rebuild those behaviours in the remaining members of the wolf pack to prevent more bad habits from forming, Parks Canada says in its release. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Teen's overdose a wake-up call

HARM REDUCTION

Health officer argues 'say no' initiatives can be harmful

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Power Alternate Secondary School is a tight-knight community of just 66 students. CONTRIBUTED

A 16-year-old's overdose death in New Westminster — caused by a substance she thought was the party drug MDMA, police said — continues to rock Power Alternate Secondary School.

It's a tight-knit school with just 66 students. On Tuesday, counsellors and psychologists remained on-site to help students and faculty cope with the "heartfelt sorrow," according to Supt. Pat Duncan.

While much of the discussion around the larger overdose crisis has focused on entrenched addiction and high-use neighbourhoods, recreational users have been hit hard, too.

According to Dr. Mark Lysyshyn, a medical health officer with Vancouver Coastal Health, messages like "Say no to drugs" are completely ineffective — and even worsen teen drug abuse.

"Specifically when you make kids promise not to use drugs, you've made it so they can't come to you for help," said Lysyshyn.

Several schools in Vancouver, he said, are starting to carry naloxone overdose-reversal kits. But the problem is most youth are using drugs off school grounds.

Leslie McBain has spoken in high schools about her family's experience; her son Jordan died in 2014 from fentanyl.

"I don't believe that harm reduction will get more drugs to kids," McBain said in an earlier interview. "People at risk of addiction and death will have the support they need to stay alive."

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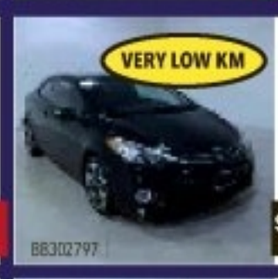

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‘Don’t sweep it under the carpet’

An emotional Frances Neumann talks about her sister-in-law Mary Smith John at the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls in Whitehorse. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Family urges commissioners not to ignore results of inquiry

Frances Neumann searched tirelessly for her missing sister-in-law in Vancouver’s Downtown Eastside, only to learn from a newspaper article she had been dead for years.

Neumann, the first family member to speak publicly at the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, urged the commissioners not to let Mary Smith John’s death be in vain.

Smith John fled Yukon as a young woman after enduring the loss of an infant son and was found dead of an alcohol overdose in 1982. Neumann said Smith John had been in the company of Gilbert Paul Jordan, known as the “Boozing Barber,” who is believed to have plied multiple women with a lethal dose of liquor.

“We let them down. We did not protect them because they were weak,” Neumann said Tuesday, wiping away tears.

Jordan was convicted of manslaughter in the death of a non-Indigenous woman in 1988. But he was linked to several aboriginal women’s deaths before then, reported APTN in a segment that was played at the hearing. He died in 2006.

“Please, please see this through. We have come up and waited for many years to see the results. Don’t sweep it under the carpet.”

Neumann’s testimony marked an emotional start to the first family hearings.

The commissioners have faced criticism about poor communications and delays.

Chief Commissioner Marion Buller began Tuesday’s hearing with an opening statement. She said Canada needs to hear the truth about the violence endured by generations of Indigenous women and girls in order to have a better understanding of systemic violence, to find solutions and heal.

“Today is a turning point in our national history,” she said.

More than 40 people are expected to share their stories this week.

“We will hear about mothers, grandmothers, sisters and aunties, nieces, cousins and dear friends. They are and were real people who loved and were loved, who dreamed and hoped, who laughed and cried,” said Buller.

> “We let them down. We did not protect them because they were weak.”
> Frances Neumann

Other community meetings have been delayed until the fall, but Buller said the hearings are going ahead in Whitehorse because of the willingness of people in the city to participate.

Families have the option of testifying privately to a statement-taker or speaking publicly inside a white tent, where the interior walls are decorated with brightly coloured blankets created by volunteers and chairs are set up in a circle.

Buller said the setting was designed to provide comfort and safety to families and survivors. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MANCHESTER

Top performers join benefit concert

A week after a bombing at her Manchester Arena concert killed 22 people, singer Ariana Grande said she and other top stars — including Justin Bieber, Katy Perry, Coldplay and Miley Cyrus — will perform at a benefit concert in the city on Sunday night.

The singer announced Tuesday that the “One Love Manchester” show will be held at the city’s Old Trafford cricket ground.

“We will not quit or operate in fear. We won’t let this divide us. We won’t let hate win,” Grande said in a statement. “Our response to this violence must be to come closer together, to help each other, to love more, to sing louder and to live more kindly and generously than we did before.”

Meanwhile, Greater Manchester Police briefly asked the public to stay out of a neighbourhood in the nearby town of Wigan on Tuesday as a bomb disposal unit searched for explosives — part of the investigation into the attack that hit Grande’s concert.

Officials trying to unmask the network behind Salman Abedi searched a property in Wigan, 20 miles northwest of Manchester, and placed a security cordon around the neighbourhood for several hours.

But London’s Metropolitan Police said Tuesday that military support for the counter-terrorism operations is gradually being reduced now that the official threat level has been lowered from “critical” to “severe.” THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ariana Grande will perform at the show on Sunday night. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BACKLASH

Griffin: ‘I went too far’ with Trump-head photo

Kathy Griffin said she knew her new photo shoot with Tyler Shields would “make noise.”

Griffin appears in a photo posted online Tuesday holding what looks like President Donald Trump’s bloody, severed head. Many on Twitter called for the comedian to be jailed.

Following the online backlash, Griffin posted a video apologizing for the photo, adding she would “take it down” and ask the photographer to do the same.

Kathy Griffin apologized online Tuesday evening. SCREENGRAB

“I went too far, I made a mistake, I was wrong,” Griffin says in the video. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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JESSICA ALLEN ON GIMMICK FOOD

Food has morphed from being something that sustains us to something that defines us.

I can't think of a situation in which I would be compelled to order a bowl of cereal at a restaurant. I still have a three-year-old box of Cheerios that's yet to need the green bin.

But despite my personal distaste, cereal cafés and bars are popping up all over the world.

The idea, borrowed perhaps from frozen yogurt chains, is simple: dispense childhood favourites and esoteric brands of cereals —Madrid's The Cereal Lovers boasts over 150 varieties — and provide toppings, like fresh fruit, dried coconut, milk and milk alternatives.

You can imagine the interiors, right? Bright, cheerful, and colourful, not unlike the image of the bowl of cereal that is begging to be shared on social media.

It's a business strategy capitalizing on impulses that, as a non-millennial, I don't have: the desire to see something on Instagram — like an artisanal ice cream sandwich or a Caesar garnished with a grilled shrimp the size of a Buick — and go out of my way to experience and document it.

In fact, when it comes to businesses exploiting the latest food trends, whether it be a sushi burrito or a smoothie bowl, I've become so contrarian that I'll go out of my way *not* to experience them.

But will everyone else, who probably likes fun more than I do, bite? Although U.S. cereal sales have dropped $4 billion since 2000, the New York Times reported last February, "breakfast cereal is a powerful engine of nostalgia," particularly for baby boomers.

A bowl of cereal runs about $10 at Silo 13. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

So if you build a cereal bar, will the millennials come?

Maybe not. Forty per cent of millennials surveyed in 2015 by the global market research company Mintel admitted "cereal was an inconvenient breakfast choice because they had to clean up after eating it," the New York Times said.

But at Silo 13, a "freestyle cereal bar" that recently opened in Toronto, there are no dishes to wash, and there are gluten-free options.

For $10, you can fill up a plastic bowl from a selection of dozens of cereals, including French, British and American imports (like Twix, which was discontinued here in 2005). They even have Oreo O's, only be available in South Korea.

Owner David Cai, 30, told me that he and his wife had the idea to open up Silo 13 after visiting IKEA. They saw the wall of dispensers dishing out nuts and bolts and thought it was a great model for serving *something*.

"We both love cereal," he said, and with a little snap, crackle, and pop, the business was born.

Silo 13 had their grand opening Victoria Day weekend. It went well, especially on the Sunday when they "got slammed."

The following Sunday, however, the place was empty, save for me (it was research) and Simon (I made him come). I filled my bowl with eight cereals, not one of which looked or sounded healthy, and chose two per cent milk to top it off. The first bite was euphoric. I was taken back to the kitchen table of my childhood. Was it the Count Chocula? Or the Fruity Pebbles? I can't be certain because every other bite tasted like wet sugar.

I don't think Silo 13 has me in mind as a regular customer. In fact, I wonder if they have regular customers in mind full stop. "We designed the place so that it's Instagrammable," Cai says. "We like to say, 'If you shoot us, tag us.'"

But what are the chances that once you have that social media post, you'll go back for a second? Cereal may have a long shelf-life, but gimmicks don't. So I'm not sure a cereal bar is a sustainable business model.

Food has morphed from being something that sustains us to something that defines us, usually via social media. And since I forgot to Instagram my freestyle cereal bowl, I have no idea who I am.

Jessica Allen is the digital correspondent on CTV's The Social.

Safe spaces don't exist solely to keep you out

Vicky Mochama
Metro | Toronto

When oppressed groups create spaces for themselves, it's not — drum roll, please — reverse discrimination. It is a response to actual discrimination by creating a place where they (we, depending on the day and event) can safely exist.

The mayor of Paris called for the Nyansapo film festival, a black feminist gathering, to be banned on the basis that it purportedly excluded white people. The organizers say that the public areas had always been intended to be open to people of all races. However, some spaces on private property would be reserved for black people of all genders.

Back in North America, the Alamo Drafthouse Cinema, a movie chain based in Austin, Texas announced it would hold five women-only screenings of Wonder Woman. The connection here to radical politics is a little more tenuous; I'm not sure that a handful of screenings for a corporate summer blockbuster is exactly women's liberation. But the sentiment, a safe space for women to experience an action film, is fine. The reaction was a large helping of the usual: men online complained about sexism.

In both of these we find a deep misunderstanding of how the world works.

Safe spaces are not particularly novel. They have a long and storied history, some of which has a Canadian connection.

Some safe spaces have been entire institutions created to serve people who have experienced systemic discrimination. For example, historically black colleges and universities in the U.S. came about as a response to racist admissions practices at American universities.

Others are about creating a place for communities at the margins to centre themselves while still including others.

The Wonder Woman movie is the first female-led comic book movie in years and the first with a woman director. Five showings among thousands does not amount to discriminating against men.

Similarly, the black feminist film festival seeks to give black people a space that is solely theirs within the larger event, and more importantly, within the larger majority-white and anti-black Parisian culture.

It's important when criticizing these spaces to recognize the environments they are created in. All too often, the arguments for free speech forget that speech exists within certain contexts. For women and people of colour, the bigger picture is often one of a world that has chronically excluded them.

When men and white people feel left out or discriminated against by spaces like these, they are expressing their discomfort with boundaries. The lines are drawn to keep the people inside them safe in a world that regularly threatens their peace.

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Cheese is a healthy snack when eaten in moderation. It is an excellent source of protein and calcium. However, not all cheese products contain the same ingredients. The Laughing Cow may be lower in calories and fat, but it is a processed cheese product, and contains preservatives. The Balderson cheddar is an aged, naturally made cheese, which also contains less sodium. Remember, the ingredient list is just as important to read as the nutritional information.

SUMMER TREAT

A refreshing pop of mango

Inspired by lassi, the Indian yogurt drink, these refreshingly juicy mango-lassi ice pops are as fun to make as they are to eat.

Mango-Lassi Ice Pops

Makes 10 servings, depending on mould.

Ingredients:

- 1-1/2 cups (375 mL) mango purée — for 1 cup (250 mL) of mango purée, process 2 cups (340 g) of cubed mango in a blender until smooth, then strain.
- 1/2 cup (105 g) sugar
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) plain Greek yogurt
- 1/2 cup (65 g) crushed unsalted pistachios

Directions:

1. In a bowl, whisk together purée and sugar until sugar has dissolved. Stir in yogurt.

These fruit purée frozen snacks are just too good not to share.
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2. Sprinkle half of the pistachios into ice-pop moulds and pour mango mixture over top, leaving 1/2 inch (1 cm) of space at top of each mould. Top with remaining pistachios and insert ice-pop sticks.

3. Freeze for six hours or until firm. For easy unmoulding, place under hot running water. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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CHECKLIST | 2018 SUBARU WRX

THE BASICS

Engine: 2.0-litre turbo boxer four-cylinder
Output: 268 horsepower, 255 pound-feet of torque
Transmission: Six-speed manual/CVT
Fuel Economy (L/100 km): 11.3 city, 8.5 highway, 10.0 combined (6MT)/12.5 city, 9.6 hwy, 11.2 combined (CVT)
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- Hard to hear exhaust
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Latest WRX is excitement in motion

REVIEW

Subaru is refining the sport compact

Sami Haj-Assaad
AutoGuide.com

ALL PHOTOS HANDOUT

I'm driving along Kaslo Bay in southwest British Columbia when it hits me. A smile. It's infectious and followed by giggles and wide-eyed excitement.

It's a result of this route, this scenery and a car that feels right at home navigating roads that swing side to side like a pendulum. Despite all the new sport compact cars on the scene, it's the WRX they have to beat.

The 2018 Subaru WRX may not seem very new. It still has the same turbo 2.0-litre boxer engine. It's still only available as a sedan. It's still pretty light at around 1,500 kilograms. It still has a slow infotainment system and no Apple CarPlay or Android Auto support. The interior also won't give you the impression you're in something higher end.

That list of complaints is quickly forgotten once you take the WRX on the road — and glance at the $29,995 asking price. But let's get to what's changed. The front bumper has been revised and the car gets an option for full LED headlights.

Cars equipped with the CVT transmission can get Subaru's EyeSight suite of safety and driver assistance features. These vehicles also can be equipped with an automatic rear braking system.

In terms of performance upgrades, the changes to suspension and steering feel are subtle. The manual transmission and steering have been tweaked as well to be smoother. Additionally, Subaru has revised the mount points for roof racks. The automaker is also offering new performance goodies in the RS Package. There's also a moonroof delete option.

The interior gets new gauges and there are more soft-touch materials in the cabin. The rear armrest now has a cupholder and the front power windows have a power off delay. Finally, Subaru has reduced a significant amount of cabin noise.

The rest of the car is the same old stuff we've liked before and there are no changes here that will upset loyal fans.

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PARKING

If you think parking is expensive, be glad you aren't in NYC or Sydney

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The 2017 Global Parking Index has been released, revealing the most expensive cities in the world for parking.

The report is based on Parkopedia's own dataset, which covers more than 50 million parking spaces across 6,500 cities in 75 countries. Prices in the index were calculated as the mean of corresponding parking rates for all publicly available off-street parking facilities in a city center based on Parkopedia's global dataset.

Prices have been adjusted based on the theory of purchasing power parity (PPP), allowing for a comparison of the relative price of parking in cities and countries globally. In addition, to determine the relative cost of parking in each location, global prices were converted into USD using May 2017 currency exchange rates, as well as adjusted based on the published Big Mac index PPP January 2017 index.

The world's highest short-term (two-hour) parking rate is found in two locations in New York City, charging $62 for two hours. On average, New York has the highest two-hour parking rates at $32.97, while Sydney's average is $28.45. At least half-a-dozen locations in Sydney charge as much as $51 for two hours. Also in the top five from Australia are Brisbane ($21.77 average) and Melbourne ($21.56). Boston with an average of $20.80 round out the top five. The only cities in the top 10 not in the U.S. or Australia are London, U.K. ($16.26) and Tokyo, Japan ($15.16).

After purchasing power parity adjustment, however, New York and Sydney swap places, with Sydney topping the list at an average of $34.85, while New York is $32.97.

For daily parking, Sydney leads the way at an average of $46.73, while London is in second at $45.01. Also in the top five are New York ($41.58), Brisbane ($36.38) and Paris ($35.19). But after PPP adjustment, London edges out Sydney as the most expensive for daily parking with an average rate of $57.51.

When it comes to monthly parking, New York is the most expensive at $606.37. London is second at $603.89, followed by Zurich ($540), Amsterdam ($424.73) and Sydney ($390). After PPP adjustment, things change a bit for monthly parking. London ranks highest at $771.67 and Hong Kong makes an appearance at $722.43. New York falls into third at $606.37 followed by Amsterdam ($545.10) and Sydney ($475).

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Montreal and Calgary are the only Canadian cities to crack the top 25 most expensive places to park globally. Montreal places 18th when it comes to two-hour parking rates with an average of $9.87 U.S.; Calgary follows with an average cost of $9.24. Average monthly parking will run you $211.05 in Calgary compared to a national average of $123.50. **PARKOPEDIA GLOBAL PARKING INDEX**

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"Sometimes you just got to go and get them and can't hesitate": Nationals star Bryce Harper on his fight with Giants reliever Hunter Strickland

Lions look beyond the loss of Bighill, Phillips

CFL

'I wish those guys the best': Defensive co-ordinator

Solomon Elimimian will no longer be working side by side with Adam Bighill in B.C.. Bighill joined the New Orleans Saints this off-season. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mark Washington's ears are ringing a little less than usual at B.C. Lions' training camp.

The club's defensive co-ordinator has been steadily implementing his systems this week, but there are two big holes - not to mention big personalities - missing from the group with the off-season departures of linebacker Adam Bighill and defensive back Ryan Phillips.

"It is different to have those vacancies there," said Washington, adding jokingly: "The sound is different, or the lack of sound is different.

"But it's OK. I wish those guys the best."

Bighill, a rock in the middle for the Lions alongside Solomon Elimimian, signed with the NFL's New Orleans Saints in January thanks to an out clause in his contract after the 28-year-old's six seasons in B.C. where he registered 489 defensive tackles and 33 sacks.

Phillips, meanwhile, was released prior to free agency in February following a disagreement on a new deal and his future deployment before subsequently inking with the Montreal Alouettes.

The 34-year-old had played all of his previous 12 seasons with the Lions, grabbing 47 interceptions and adding 478 tackles while missing just four of a possible 216 games.

"I played with Bigs for six years, Ryan for seven," said Elimimian, the league's most outstanding player in 2014. "It goes past football. You get to know their families and they become like brothers."

The CFL's top defender in both 2014 and again last season added that seeing his friends leave was just another reminder of the realities of professional football.

"One year you're here and the next year you're not," said Elimimian. "We all understand that. It doesn't change our relationship outside football. We're very close, but it's different."

While there appears to be a number of options in the secondary to take over for Phillips, Lions head coach and general manager Wally Buono was philosophical when asked specifically how he plans to replace Bighill, who won the CFL's defensive MVP honours in 2015.

"Who was Adam Bighill seven years ago? Who was Solomon Elimimian nine years ago?" Buono responded.

"You find new players. Adam's a great football player, but hopefully you'll be talking about the guy who replaced him and how productive he was and what a bright future he has." THE CANADIAN PRESS

SOCCER

Montreal Impact move on to finals

Ignacio Piatti scored twice from the penalty spot and Blerim Dzemaili got his first goal as the Montreal Impact defeated the Vancouver Whitecaps 4-2 to win their Canadian Championship semifinal on Tuesday night.

Anthony Jackson-Hamel also scored for Montreal, which won the two-game aggregate goals series 5-4 after losing the first leg 2-1 in Vancouver last week. Montreal advanced to next month's final against the winner between Toronto FC and the Ottawa Fury, who complete their semifinal on Wednesday night. Alphonso Davies, who scored in the first leg, and Kyle Greig scored for the Whitecaps.

Ignacio Piatti THE CANADIAN PRESS

Vancouver, playing a fourth game in 11 days, dressed mostly reserve players against a rested Montreal side that boosted its lineup with some top players, including Piatti and Dzemaili.

The Impact answered with three goals before the intermission. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Jays hit 4 homers in win

Kendrys Morales hit a go-ahead two-run homer in the eighth inning to power the Toronto Blue Jays to a 6-4 victory over the Cincinnati Reds on Tuesday at Rogers Centre.

It was one of four Toronto homers on the night. Josh Donaldson, Jose Bautista and Russell Martin all went deep in the Blue Jays' four-run fourth inning.

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No alcohol in Tiger Woods' system: Police

Police say Tiger Woods was asleep at the wheel but had no alcohol in his system when officers spotted his car stopped along a Florida road.

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MAKE IT TONIGHT

Creamy Penne Pasta with Asparagus and Peas

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

The light and creamy sauce of this pasta plays perfectly against tender, juicy spring vegetables.

Ready in 20 minutes
Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 500g penne
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 bunch of asparagus, ends snapped off and cut into thirds
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 shallot, diced
- 2 cups peas
- 1 cup crème fraîche
- 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese
- 1 Tbsp chopped chives

Directions

1. Preheat cast-iron pan over moderate heat. Add a tablespoon of olive oil and asparagus and cook until fork tender, about 8 minutes. Add garlic and shallots and cook until fragrant, about 1 minute.

2. Meanwhile, cook penne according to package directions, about 12 minutes. In the last minute of cooking time, drop peas into the water. Reserve ½ cup of cooking water. Drain pasta and peas.

3. Add pasta and peas to skillet with asparagus and toss well. Add the creme fraiche and stir until pasta is coated. Add reserved water a tablespoon at a time to get desired consistency.

4. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese and season with salt and pepper to taste. Sprinkle with chives and serve right away.

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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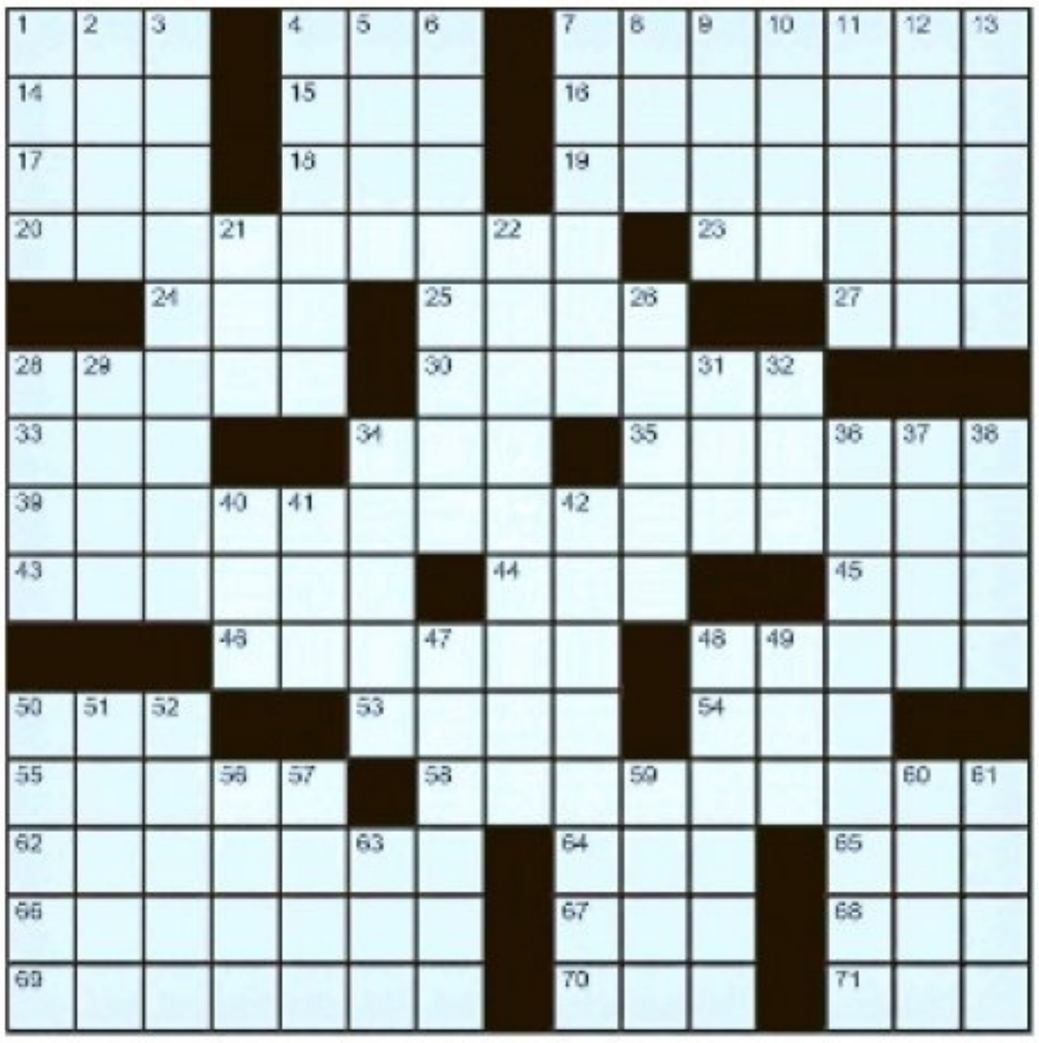

ACROSS
1. Ballpark stat.
4. 'Equal'-meaning prefix
7. Numerous
14. Really long time
15. Queue pre-Q
16. At the ready, as a guard: 2 wds.
17. Rap star, Tone-__
18. Protrude
19. Disney movie race car Herbie the what?: 2 wds.
20. Tall topper, __ hat
23. Arcade game, Whac-_-__
24. Web
25. Hairdo
27. Inky implement
28. Charo's famous expression, when doubled
30. Light up, in verse
33. U2 song
34. Pronounce
35. Swanky neighbourhood of Winnipeg
39. 4th Prime Minister of Canada, from 1892 to 1894: 3 wds.
43. Hosp.'s to-the-patient connection: 2 wds.
44. Rt. __. (Upstanding title, for short)
45. Scand. land
46. "Buffy the Vampire __"
48. Bluegrass music sound
50. One Time link: 2 wds.
53. Nevada casino destination
54. "Watch it!"
55. "Throw __ from the Train" (1987)
58. Sans serif font style
62. Acupressure
64. '_'__ in Ottawa
65. Mr. Mineo
66. Above-to-below wartime attack: 2 wds.
67. Jetta ___ (Volkswagen model)
68. Sample
69. Ten Commandments elev.: 2 wds.
70. "Sure."
71. Union, in downtown Toronto, e.g.

DOWN
1. Photo album posers, e.g.
2. Throw out
3. Presently performing with the philharmonic: 2 wds.
4. Canadian singer/musician/producer whose credits include being a member of "I Cry" trio Bass is Base, Chin __
5. Minestrone __
6. Eyeglasses professional
7. Cirque du __
8. Roxy Music's Brian
9. "__-__-voom!"
10. Chemistry substance, briefly
11. "Hey! Ba-Ba-__-__" by Lionel Hampton and His Orchestra
12. As __ (Usually)
13. Mil. rank: 2 wds.
21. Truck or bus, e.g.
22. "__ Pam" by The Beatles
26. Sofa-turned-bed
28. Thus, in Milan
29. McGill, e.g.
31. Close-mouthed
32. __, date (Food label info)
34. Cut
36. Writers like Charles Lamb
37. Up opposite
38. Blood type: letter + abbr.
40. __ du jour = Juice of the day
41. Angle type, briefly
42. Timepiece art
47. 20th-century violinist Mr. Menuhin
48. Dissertation
49. Drenched
50. "I ___" (2001), Penn/Pfeiffer picture
51. "I've got ___ that ball!" (Two-strikes-down slugger's internal pep talk)
52. Mideast chieftains
56. "__-Mac" by Great Big Sea
57. Deadlocked, __ __ impasse
59. Farewell, to Catullus
60. Buggy
61. Kirk __, "Superman" (1948) star
63. "Chandelier" singer

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
You might see new ways of making money today. You also can see new uses or applications for something you already own. (Clever you!)

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Today your speech with others will be clear and direct. You know what you want, and you're willing to go after it. You also can deduce what is going on behind the scenes.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Today you see the subtext of things, which means nobody can fool you. You will be able to spot a phony a mile away. It's also a good day for research.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You might join forces with a friend ora member of a group to introduce reforms and improvements somewhere or somehow. Basically, you want to build a better mousetrap.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Conversations with bosses and parents will be powerful, direct and productive. Basically, you want to improve things and you want their co-operation and support.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Discussions about politics, religion, philosophy or racial issues will be deep and profound today. Nothing will be light and casual. Get ready.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You want to get to the bottom of things when it comes to inheritances or discussions about shared property today. You don't want glib answers. You want the facts

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You might attract someone powerful today. This person might ask you penetrating questions. It's also possible that the opposite will occur

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Your main motivation at work today will be to see how to make improvements around you. You also might want to explain the details of how something works to someone.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Today you might have an opportunity to teach children something important. Meanwhile, romantic conversations will be direct, and perhaps blunt, and focus on ways to improve the relationship itself.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Family discussions are strong and powerful today. Basically, people are looking for ways to improve things, especially in their immediate surroundings.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Today you have X-ray vision, which is why you practically can read the minds of others. During discussions, you will be persuasive.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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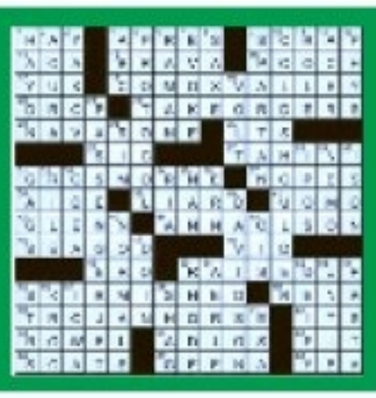

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